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Applicant:	AOYAGI et al.	Examiner:	Z. IUCAS
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

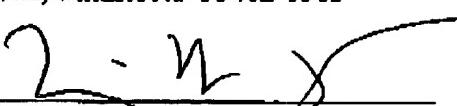
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed November 15, 2005, said period of response being extended from February 15, 2006 to May 15, 2006.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$1020.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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